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SUBJECT: PRESS: EXCHANGE OF REMARKS BY DR. J.H. VAN ROIJEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION, AND BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE WATELER PEACE PRIZE FOR 1974 AT THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY, BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 11 1974.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DR. VAN ROIJEN'S PRESENTATION REMARKS:

BEGIN QUOTE

"MR. SECRETARY,

IT IS INDEED A GREAT PLEASURE AND AN HONOR FOR ME, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION, TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE WATELER PEACE PRIZE FOR 1974. THIS PRIZE WAS AWARDED YOU IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR UNTIRING AND OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE WATELER PEACE PRIZE IS CONFERRED EACH YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES TO THE LATE MR. WATELER, ALTERNATIVELY ON A DUTCH OR A FOREIGN PERSON OR INSTITUTION FOR THE MOST VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE OR IN THE FINDING OF MEANS OF

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COUNTERING WAR.

WE-AND I AM SPEAKING FOR OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS-
HAVE FELT, AND FEEL, THAT YOU, MR. SECRETARY, IN
SUCCEEDING AS YOU DID - UNDER EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
CIRCUMSTANCES - IN LAYING THE BASIS FOR
FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD A FINAL SETTLEMENT, ARE
EMINENTLY QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

IN YOUR BOOK "A WORLD RESTORED" YOU WROTE ON
THE ROLE OF AUSTRIA IN THE FORMATION OF THE
COALITION AGAINST NAPOLEAN IN THE SUMMER OF 1813:

"FEW DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGNS DEMONSTRATE
MORE CLEARLY THAT POLICY IS PROPORTION,
THAT ITS WISDOM DEPENDS ON THE RELATION
OF ITS MEASURE TO EACH OTHER, NOT ON
THE "CLEVERNESS" OF INDIVIDUAL MOVES."
I BELIEVE, MR. SECRETARY, THAT THAT PASSAGE
IS ENTIRELY APPLICABLE TO YOUR OWN ACHIEVEMENT
OF STATECRAFT, FOR WHICH WE ARE HONOURING YOU TODAY.

IN YOUR LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE YOU WROTE ME IN JULY
OF THIS YEAR THAT YOU HOPED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
UNDMINISHED VIGOR FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND
DURABLE PEACE IN THAT REGION. CONTRARY TO WHAT IS SO
OFTEN CYNICALLY SAID OF GOOD INTENTIONS, YOU, SIR,
MOST CERTAINLY HAVE REALIZED THE PURPOSE YOU EXPRESSED
IN THAT LETTER.

LET ME SAY IN CONCLUDING THAT WE OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION ARE DEEPLY
IMPRESSED BY WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISHED AS A RESULT
OF YOUR WELL-DIRECTED EFFORTS.

ALLOW ME, NOW, MR. SECRETARY, TO PRESENT YOU
WITH THE VISIBLE AND TANGIBLE TOKEN OF THE PRIZE,
AWARDED YOU." END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWIS IS TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
ACCEPTANCE REMARKS:
BEGIN QUOTE:

"MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, EXCELLENCY:

I AM VERY MOVED TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD. IT
HONORS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL BUT A PURPOSE. THROUGHOUT
LAST YEAR, DURING MY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED
STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TO A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN
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THE MIDDLE EAST, IT WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE
THAT WITH ALL THE DIFFICULTIES THE UNITED STATES
FACED AT HOME, IT WAS NEVERTHELESS OUR COUNTRY
WHICH WAS TRUSTED ENOUGH BY BOTH SIDES IN THE MIDDLE
EAST TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFORT TO
RECONCILE PEOPLES WHOSE SUFFERING AND COURAGE HAVE
EARNED THEM A PERIOD OF RESPITE AND A PERIOD OF
CONCILIATION.

IN NO AREA OF THE WORLD IS IT MORE DIFFICULT TO PROMOTE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE THAN IN THE MIDDLE EAST. TWO GREAT PEOPLES, ONE THAT HAS SUFFERED FOR MILLENIA BY BEING DISPERSED AND PERSECUTED, AND ANOTHER THAT HAS FELT DEPRIVED OF PART OF ITS TERRITORY, HAVE ATTEMPTED TO RECONCILE, HOWEVER HALTINGLY AND WITH HOWEVER MUCH GREAT ANGUISH, THEIR DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. NEEDLESS TO SAY THIS IS NOT AN EASY EFFORT. BUT, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED AND WHATEVER CONTRIBUTION I USEFULLY CAN MAKE, WE WILL SPARE NO EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THIS END. PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS ONLY PART OF A LARGER PROCESS. THROUGHOUT HISTROY STATESMEN HAVE AVOWED THE GOAL OF PEACE. BUT NO PERIOD HAS EVER HAD THE IMPERATIVE OF OURS. THERE NO LONGER IS ANY ALTERNATIVE TO PEACE. TO INSIST ON NATIONAL ADVANTAGE, TO PROMITE PURELY REGIONAL OBJECTIVES, MUST PROMOTE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME A CONFLICT WHICH CAN ONLY END WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMANITY.

SO STATESMEN IN OUR PERIOD HAVE NO EXCUSE NOT TO STRIVE FOR PEACE. THEY CAN HAVE NO NOBLER AIM THAN TO LEAVE BEHIND THEM A WORLD SAFER THAN THAT WHICH THEY FOUND. AND, THEREFORE, PERHAPS THEY SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN ANY AWARD FOR DOING WHAT IS NECESSARY. AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED, WE WILL WORK TOGETHER WITH OUR FRIENDS TO PROMOTE A STRUCTURE OF PEACE THAT CAN LAST SO THAT HUMANITY CAN LOOK BACK TO THIS PERIOD AS THE TURNING POINT WHEN THE LONG HOPE AND ASPIRATION FOR PERMANENT PEACE WAS FINALLY ACHIEVED.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END QUOTE.KISSINGER

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